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SUBJECT: JEAN FRANCAIS NAMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO
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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF JEAN FRANCAIS AS NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA. FRANCAIS, AS WAS THE CASE WITH HIS PREDECESSORS, WILL ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND. PUBLISHED SOURCES PROVIDE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON FRANCAIS.

2. FOLLOWING SEVERAL YEARS SERVICE WITH FREE FRENCH FORCES, JEAN FRANCAIS ENTERED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1944 WITH AN ASSIGNMENT TO THE PRESS SERVICE. AFTER BRIEF STINTS IN VARIOUS MINISTRY BUREAUS INCLUDING THE AUSTRIAN-GERMAN AFFAIRS SECTION, FRANCAIS WAS POSTED TO MADRID AS SECOND SECRETARY IN 1953 WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL 1956. HE THEN WAS ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION UNTIL 1958. THERE FOLLOWED ASSIGNMENTS TO THE CABINETS OF THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (1958) AND THE PRIME MINISTER (1960). HE

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THEN SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN NAIROBI (1960-62) AND

AS DIRECTOR OF CABINET TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (1963-65). PREVIOUS TO HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, FRANCAIS HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (1965-1966), NEPAL (1967-71), AND URUGUAY (1971-74).

3. FRANCAIS HOLDS DEGREES IN LAW AND ECONOMICS FROM THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES. TWICE MARRIED, FRANCAIS HAS SIX CHILDREN (TWO BY HIS CURRENT WIFE, ILDIKO).
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